

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of )  
Douglas W. Reitz, et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/661,994 )  
Filed: September 12, 2003 )  
Art Unit: 1724 )  
Examiner: Thomas M. Lithgow )  
For: FLOW-THROUGH REMOVAL )  
DEVICE AND SYSTEM USING )  
SUCH DEVICE )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 13, 2007**

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2007. Please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.